

(c) Does not arise.

ADB Assistance for Distribution System in Karnataka

4155. SHR S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved US \$ 100 m. loan for improving the power distribution system in the urban centres in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance; and

(c) the time by which the ADB aided programme will be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Gold and Other Minerals in Karnataka

4156. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. has discovered a gold ore reserve in Wondalli, Raichur district in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the quantum of gold ore explored; and

(c) the facts and the details of the other mineral reserves explored during April–October, 1991 in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. (MECL) have estimated a reserve of 4.69 lakh tonnes of gold ore with average grade of 2.76 grams per tonne in Wondalli, Raichur district in Karnataka.

(c) Exploration for other minerals was not carried out in the area.

Production of Steel

4157. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of crude steel produced by the Steel Authority of India during the first eight month of 1991–92;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by it to step up production of value added items;

(c) whether the SAIL is supplying corrosion resistant steel to the Indian Railways;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the countries to which galvanised products are being exported; and

(f) the demand for steel estimated in the country during 1992–93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Production of Crude steel during the first eight months of year 1991–92 was 62.5 lakh tonnes by SAIL.

(b) By stabilising cold rolled mill II of Bokaro Steel Plant, SAIL has enhanced the production of value added items. With increased focus on large number of inter-plant transfer of semis-finished steel next year, the production of value added items will increase.

(c) Yes, Sir.